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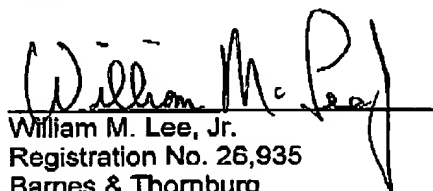
The filing date of the present application is April 3, 2000. The filing date of the application is therefore filed after November 29, 1999.

Application US 09/541,185 (the present application) and US Patent 6,442,147 were, at the time the invention of application US 09/541,185 was made, owned by Nortel Networks Limited. Under 35 U.S.C. §103(c), U.S. Patent 6,442,147 is thus not a reference.

Applicants therefore submit that the claims are patentable as they stand.

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